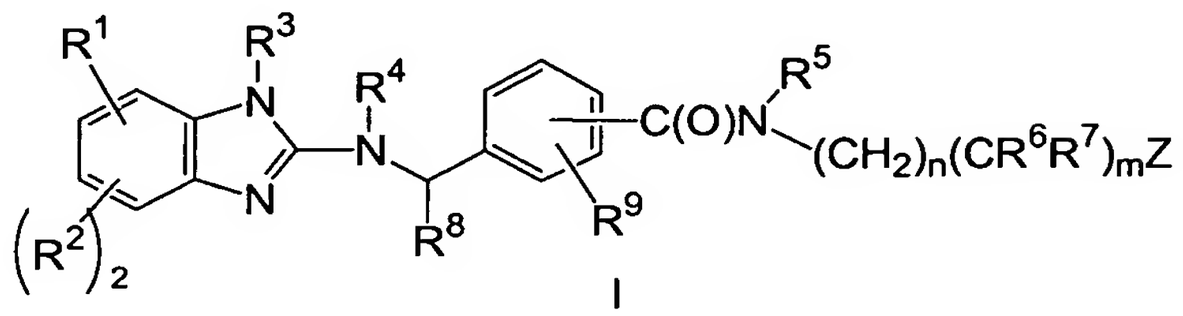
Amendment to the Claims:

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) A compound represented by formula I:



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof, wherein:

R^1 represents H or is independently selected from the group consisting of:

a) OH, halo, CO_2R^a, $C(O)NR^bR^c$, NR^bR^c, CN or $S(O)_pR^d$;

b) $C_{1\text{-}10}$alkyl, $C_{2\text{-}10}$alkenyl, $C_{2\text{-}10}$alkynyl, $OC_{1\text{-}10}$alkyl, $OC_{3\text{-}10}$alkenyl and $OC_{3\text{-}10}$alkynyl, said groups being optionally substituted with: (1) 1-5 halo groups up to a perhaloalkyl group; (2) 1 oxo group; (3) 1-2 OH groups; (4) 1-2 $C_{1\text{-}10}$alkoxy groups, each optionally substituted with: up to five halo or a perhaloalkoxy, 1 OH or CO_2R^a group; (5) 1 CO_2R^a or $S(O)_pR^d$; (6)1-2 Aryl, Hetcy or HAR groups, each optionally substituted as follows: (a) 1-5 halo groups, (b) 1 OH, CO_2R^a, CN, $S(O)_pR^d$, NO_2 or $C(O)NR^bR^c$ group, (c) 1-2 $C_{1\text{-}10}$alkyl or alkoxy groups, each optionally substituted with: 1-5 halo, up to perhaloalkyl, and 1-2 OH or CO_2R^a groups; and (d) 1-2 phenyl rings, each of which is optionally substituted as follows: 1-5 halo groups up to perhalo, 1-3 $C_{1\text{-}10}$alkyl or alkoxy groups, each being further optionally substituted with 1-5 halo up to perhalo, or 1-2 hydroxy or CO_2R^a groups; (e) $-NR^a\text{-}C(O)\text{-}NR^bR^c$; (f) $-NR^a\text{-}CO_2R^c$; (g) $-NR^a\text{-}C(O)R^c$; (h) $-NR^bR^c$; (i) $-NR^aSO_2R^c$; (j) $-SO_2\text{-}NR^bR^c$; (k) $-C(O)NR^bR^c$ and (l) $-OC(O)\text{-}NR^bR^c$;

c) Aryl, HAR, Hetcy, -O-Aryl, -O-HAR and -O-Hetcy, each optionally substituted as set forth below: (1) 1-3 $C_{1\text{-}10}$alkyl, $C_{2\text{-}10}$alkenyl or $C_{2\text{-}10}$alkynyl groups optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups; 1-2 OH groups; phenyl optionally substituted with 1-3 halo, $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyl or $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkoxy groups, the alkyl and alkoxy groups being further optionally substituted with 1-3 halo groups; CO_2R^a; CN or $S(O)_pR^d$ groups; and (2) 1-3 $C_{1\text{-}10}$alkoxy groups, the alkyl portion of which is optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups, 1-2 OH; phenyl optionally substituted with 1-3 halo, $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyl or $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkoxy groups, the alkyl and alkoxy groups being further optionally substituted with 1-3 halo groups; CO_2R^a; CN or $S(O)_pR^d$ groups;

said Aryl, HAR, Hetcy -O-Aryl, -O-HAR and -O-Hetcy group c) being further optionally substituted on carbon by a group selected from the group consisting of: (3) 1-5 halo groups; (4) 1-2 OH

groups; (5) 1 $S(O)_pR^d$, NO_2 or CN group; (6) 1-2 CO_2R^a; (7) $-NR^a-C(O)-NR^bR^c$; (8) $-NR^a-CO_2R^c$; (9) $-NR^a-C(O)R^c$; (10) $-NR^bR^c$; (11) $-NR^aSO_2R^c$; (12) $-SO_2-NR^bR^c$; and (13) $-C(O)NR^bR^c$;

and when R^1 represents Hetcy containing a nitrogen atom, said nitrogen atom can be optionally substituted with a member selected from the group consisting of: (a) $-C(O)NR^bR^c$; (b) $-CO_2R^c$; (c) $-C(O)R^c$; and (d) $-SO_2R^c$;

each R^2 represents H or is independently selected from the group consisting of:

a) OH, halo, CO_2R^a, $C(O)NR^bR^c$, NR^bR^c, CN or $S(O)_pR^d$;

b) C_{1-10}alkyl, C_{2-10}alkenyl, C_{2-10}alkynyl, OC_{1-10}alkyl, OC_{3-10}alkenyl and OC_{3-10}alkynyl, said groups being optionally substituted with: (1) 1-5 halo groups up to a perhaloalkyl group; (2) 1 oxo group; (3) 1 OH group; (4) 1 C_{1-10}alkoxy group, each optionally substituted with: up to five halo or a perhaloalkoxy, 1 OH or CO_2R^a group; (5) 1 CO_2R^a or $S(O)_pR^d$; (6) 1 Aryl, Hetcy or HAR group, each optionally substituted as follows: (a) 1-5 halo groups, (b) 1 OH, CO_2R^a, CN, $S(O)_pR^d$, NO_2 or $C(O)NR^bR^c$ group, (c) 1-2 C_{1-10}alkyl or alkoxy groups, each optionally substituted with: 1-5 halo, up to perhaloalkyl, and 1-2 OH or CO_2R^a groups; and (d) 1-2 phenyl rings, each of which is optionally substituted as follows: 1-5 halo groups up to perhalo; 1-3 C_{1-10}alkyl or alkoxy groups, each being further optionally substituted with 1-5 halo up to perhalo; and 1-2 hydroxy or CO_2R^a groups;

c) Aryl, HAR, Hetcy, -O-Aryl, -O-HAR and -O-Hetcy, each optionally substituted as set forth below: (1) 1-3 C_{1-10}alkyl, C_{2-10}alkenyl or C_{2-10}alkynyl groups optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups, 1-2 OH, phenyl, CO_2R^a, CN or $S(O)_pR^d$ groups; (2) 1-3 C_{1-10}alkoxy groups, the alkyl portion of which is optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups, 1-2 OH, phenyl, CO_2R^a, CN or $S(O)_pR^d$ groups;

said Aryl, HAR or Hetcy group c) being further optionally substituted on carbon by a group selected from the group consisting of; (3) 1-5 halo groups up to perhalo; (4) 1 OH group; (5) 1 $S(O)_pR^d$, NO_2 or CN group; (6) 1 CO_2R^a;

R^3 represents H or is selected from the group consisting of: a) C_{1-10}alkyl or C_{2-10}alkenyl, each optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups up to perhalo; 1-2 OH, C_{1-3}alkoxy or haloC_{1-3}alkoxy groups; 1-2 NR^cR^d groups; and 1-2 Aryl, HAR or Hetcy groups, each optionally substituted with 1-3 halo groups and 1-2 groups selected from CN, NO_2, C_{1-3}alkyl, haloC_{1-3}alkyl, C_{1-3}alkoxy and haloC_{1-3} alkoxy groups; and b) Aryl, HAR or Hetcy, each optionally substituted with 1-3 halo groups and 1-2 groups selected from CN, NO_2, C_{1-3}alkyl, haloC_{1-3}alkyl, C_{1-3}alkoxy and haloC_{1-3} alkoxy groups;

R^4 is independently selected from the group consisting of:

a) C_{1-14}alkyl, C_{2-10}alkenyl and C_{2-10}alkynyl, said groups being optionally substituted with: (1) 1-5 halo groups up to perhaloalkyl; (2) 1 oxo group; (3) 1-2 OH groups; (4) 1-2 C_{1-10}alkoxy groups, each optionally substituted with up to five halo or a perhaloalkoxy, 1 OH or CO_2R^a group; (5) 1 CO_2R^a or $S(O)_pR^d$; (6) 1-2 Aryl, Hetcy or HAR groups, each optionally substituted as follows: (i) 1-5 halo groups, (ii) 1 OH, CO_2R^a, CN, $S(O)_pR^d$, NO_2 or $C(O)NR^bR^c$ group, (iii) 1-2 C_{1-10}alkyl or alkoxy

groups, each optionally substituted with: 1-5 halo, up to perhaloalkyl, and 1-2 OH or CO_2R^a groups; and (iv) 1-2 phenyl rings, each of which is optionally substituted as follows: 1-5 halo groups up to perhalo; 1-3 C_{1-10}alkyl or alkoxy groups, each being further optionally substituted with 1-5 halo up to perhalo, or 1-2 hydroxy or CO_2R^a groups;

b) Aryl, HAR or Hetcy, each optionally substituted as follows: (1) 1-3 C_{1-14}alkyl, C_{2-10}alkenyl or C_{2-10}alkynyl groups optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups, 1-2 OH, CO_2R^a, CN or $S(O)_pR^d$ groups or phenyl optionally substituted as follows: 1-5 halo groups up to perhalo; 1-3 C_{1-10}alkyl or alkoxy groups, each being further optionally substituted with 1-5 halo up to perhalo, or 1-2 hydroxy or CO_2R^a groups; (2) 1-3 C_{1-10}alkoxy groups, the alkyl portion of which is optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups, 1-2 OH, CO_2R^a, CN, $S(O)_pR^d$, and phenyl optionally substituted as follows: 1-5 halo groups up to perhalo; 1-3 C_{1-10}alkyl or alkoxy groups, each being further optionally substituted with 1-5 halo up to perhalo, or 1-2 hydroxy or CO_2R^a groups; (3) 1-2 Aryl, HAR or Hetcy, OAryl, OHAR or OHetcy groups, each optionally substituted as follows: (i) 1-3 halo groups; (ii) 1-2 C_{1-10}alkyl, C_{2-10}alkenyl or C_{2-10}alkynyl groups each optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups, 1-2 OH, phenyl, CO_2R^a, CN or $S(O)_pR^d$ groups; (iii) 1-2 C_{1-10}alkoxy groups the alkyl portion of which being optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups, 1-2 OH, phenyl, CO_2R^a, CN or $S(O)_pR^d$ groups; and (iv) 1-2 CO_2R^a, $S(O)_pR^d$, CN, NR^bR^c, NO_2 or OH groups;

said Aryl, HAR or Hetcy group b) being further optionally substituted on carbon by a group selected from the group consisting of: (4) 1-5 halo groups; (5) 1-2 OH groups; (6) 1 $S(O)_pR^d$, NO_2 or CN group; (7) 1-2 CO_2R^a; (8) $-NR^a-C(O)-NR^bR^c$; (9) $-NR^a-CO_2R^c$; (10) $-NR^a-C(O)R^c$; (11) $-NR^bR^c$; (12) $-NR^aSO_2R^c$; (13) $-SO_2-NR^bR^c$; (14) $-C(O)\ NR^bR^c$ and $-OC(O)-NR^bR^c$;

and when R^4 represents Hetcy containing a nitrogen atom, said nitrogen atom can be optionally substituted with a member selected from the group consisting of: (a) $-C(O)\ NR^bR^c$; (b) $-CO_2R^c$; (c) $-C(O)R^c$; and (d) $-SO_2R^c$;

R^5 represents H or C_{1-6} alkyl;

R^6 is selected from the group consisting of H, OH, F or C_{1-3}alkyl;

R^7 is H or F, or R^6 and R^7 are taken in combination and represent oxo;

R^8 represents H or C_{1-6} alkyl, optionally substituted with OH and 1-5 halo groups up to perhalo;

R^9 represents H, halo, OH, C_{1-6}alkyl, optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups up to perhalo, or C_{1-6}alkoxy, optionally substituted with 1-3 halo groups up to perhalo,

or when R^9 is ortho to the benzylic group, R^8 and R^9 can be taken together and represent a $-(CH_2)_{2-4}-$ or a $-O-(CH_2)_{1-3}-$ group;

R^a is H or C_{1-10}alkyl, optionally substituted with phenyl, OH, OC_{1-6}alkyl, CO_2H, CO_2C_{1-6}alkyl and 1-3 halo groups;

R^b is H or C_{1-10}alkyl;

R^c is H or is independently selected from: (a) C_{1-10}alkyl, optionally substituted with OH, OC_{1-6}alkyl, CO_2H, CO_2C_{1-6}alkyl, and 1-3 halo groups; (b) Aryl or Ar-C_{1-6}alkyl, each optionally substituted with 1-5 halos and 1-3 members selected from the group consisting of: CN, OH, C_{1-10}alkyl and OC_{1-10} alkyl, said alkyl and alkoxy being further optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups up to perhalo; (c) Hetcy or Hetcy-C_{1-6}alkyl, optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups and 1-3 groups selected from: oxo, C_{1-10}alkyl and OC_{1-10} alkyl, said alkyl and alkoxy being further optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups up to perhalo; and (d) HAR or HAR-C_{1-6}alkyl, optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups and 1-3 groups selected from: C_{1-10}alkyl and OC_{1-10} alkyl, said alkyl and alkoxy being further optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups up to perhalo;

R^d is C_{1-10}alkyl, Aryl or Ar-C_{1-10}alkyl;

m is an integer selected from 0, 1 and 2;

n is an integer selected from 0 to 6;

p is an integer selected from 0, 1 and 2, and

when at least one of m and n is other than 0, Z is selected from CO_2R^a, 5-tetrazolyl and 5-(2-oxo-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl), and when both m and n are 0, Z is selected from 5-tetrazolyl and 5-(2-oxo-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl).

2. (original) A compound in accordance with claim 1 wherein R^1 represents H.

3. (original) A compound in accordance with claim 1 wherein one R^2 represents H, halo or C_{1-6}alkyl, and the other is selected from the group consisting of: H, halo, OH, C_{1-6}alkyl optionally substituted with 1-3 halo groups, C_{1-6}alkoxy optionally substituted with 1-3 halo groups or 1 phenyl or heterocyclic ring, C_{2-4}alkenyl or OC_{2-4}alkenyl.

4. (original) A compound in accordance with claim 1 wherein R3 is selected from the group consisting of: H, C2-4alkenyl and C1-6alkyl optionally substituted as follows: a) up to 3 halo groups; b) NRcRd wherein Rc and Rd are H or C1-4 alkyl; c) OH; and d) Aryl optionally substituted with 1-3 halo groups, C1-3 alkyl, OC1-3alkyl, CN, NO2, haloC1-3alkyl or O-haloC1-3alkyl.

5. (original) A compound in accordance with claim 1 wherein R^4 is independently selected from the group consisting of:

(a) C_{1-14}alkyl, optionally substituted with: (1) 1-5 halo groups up to perhaloalkyl; (2) 1-2 C_{1-10}alkoxy groups, each optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups up to perhaloalkoxy; (3) 1-2

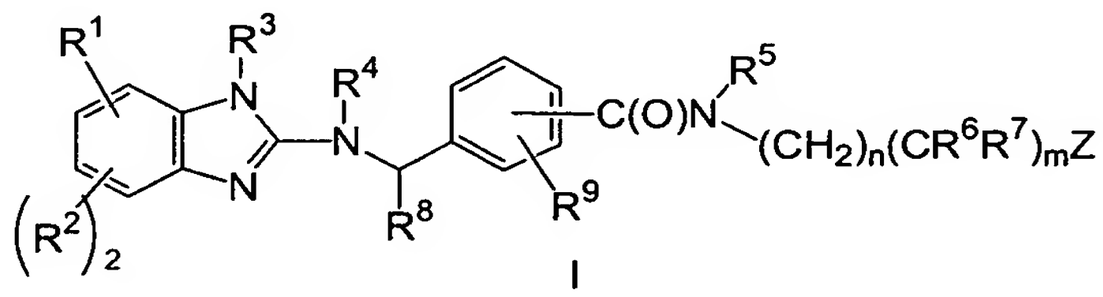
Aryl groups, each optionally substituted as follows: (i) 1-5 halo groups, (ii) CN or NO_2, (iii) 1-2 C_{1-10}alkyl or alkoxy groups, each optionally substituted with: 1-5 halo, up to perhaloalkyl; and

(b) Aryl, HAR or Hetcy, each optionally substituted as follows: (1) 1-2 C_{1-10}alkyl or C_{2-10}alkenyl groups, optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups, phenyl or CO_2R^a groups; (2) 1-2 C_{1-10}alkoxy groups, the alkyl portion of which is optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups; (3) 1-2 Aryl, HAR or Hetcy, OAryl, OHAR or OHetcy groups, each optionally substituted as follows: (i) 1-3 halo groups; (ii) 1-2 C_{1-10}alkyl or C_{2-10}alkenyl, each optionally substituted with 1-3 halo groups; (iii) 1-2 C_{1-10}alkoxy groups the alkyl portion of which being optionally substituted with 1-3 halo groups, and (iv) 1-2 CO_2R^a, $S(O)_pR^d$, CN, NR^bR^c, NO_2 or OH groups;

said Aryl, HAR or Hetcy group b) being further optionally substituted on carbon by a group selected from the group consisting of: (4) 1-5 halo groups; (5) 1-2 OH groups; (6) 1 $S(O)_pR^d$, NO_2 or CN group; (7) 1-2 CO_2R^a; (8) $-NR^a-C(O)-NR^bR^c$; (9) $-NR^a-CO_2R^c$; (10) $-NR^a-C(O)R^c$; (11) $-NR^bR^c$; (12) $-NR^aSO_2R^c$; (13) $-SO_2-NR^bR^c$; (14) $-C(O)\,NR^bR^c$ and (15) $-OC(O)-NR^bR^c$;

and when R^4 represents Hetcy containing a nitrogen atom, said nitrogen atom can be optionally substituted with a member selected from the group consisting of: (a) $-C(O)\,NR^bR^c$; (b) $-CO_2R^c$; (c) $-C(O)R^c$; and (d) $-SO_2R^c$.

6. (original) A compound represented by formula I:



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof, wherein:

R^1 represents H;

one R^2 represents H, halo or C_{1-6}alkyl, and the other is selected from the group consisting of: H, halo, OH, C_{1-6}alkyl optionally substituted with 1-3 halo groups, C_{1-6}alkoxy optionally substituted with 1-3 halo groups or 1 phenyl or heterocyclic ring, C_{2-4}alkenyl or OC_{2-4}alkenyl;

R^3 is selected from the group consisting of: H, C_{2-4}alkenyl and C_{1-6}alkyl optionally substituted as follows: a) up to 3 halo groups; b) NR^cR^d wherein R^c and R^d are H or C_{1-4} alkyl; c) OH; and d) Aryl optionally substituted with 1-3 halo groups, C_{1-3} alkyl, OC_{1-3}alkyl, CN, NO_2, haloC_{1-3}alkyl or O-haloC_{1-3}alkyl;

R^4 is independently selected from the group consisting of:

(a) C_{1-14}alkyl, optionally substituted with: (1) 1-5 halo groups up to perhaloalkyl; (2) 1-2 C_{1-10}alkoxy groups, each optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups up to perhaloalkoxy; (3) 1-2

Aryl groups, each optionally substituted as follows: (i) 1-5 halo groups, (ii) CN or NO_2, (iii) 1-2 C_{1-10}alkyl or alkoxy groups, each optionally substituted with: 1-5 halo, up to perhaloalkyl; and

(b) Aryl, HAR or Hetcy, each optionally substituted as follows: (1) 1-2 C_{1-10}alkyl or C_{2-10}alkenyl, optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups, phenyl or CO_2R^a groups; (2) 1-2 C_{1-10}alkoxy groups, the alkyl portion of which is optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups; (3) 1-2 Aryl, HAR or Hetcy, OAryl, OHAR or OHetcy groups, each optionally substituted as follows: (i) 1-3 halo groups; (ii) 1-2 C_{1-10}alkyl or C_{2-10}alkenyl, each optionally substituted with 1-3 halo groups; (iii) 1-2 C_{1-10}alkoxy groups the alkyl portion of which being optionally substituted with 1-3 halo groups, and (iv) 1-2 CO_2R^a, $S(O)_pR^d$, CN, NR^bR^c, NO_2 or OH groups;

said Aryl, HAR or Hetcy group b) being further optionally substituted on carbon by a group selected from the group consisting of: (4) 1-5 halo groups; (5) 1-2 OH groups; (6) 1 $S(O)_pR^d$, NO_2 or CN group; (7) 1-2 CO_2R^a; (8) $-NR^a-C(O)-NR^bR^c$; (9) $-NR^a-CO_2R^c$; (10) $-NR^a-C(O)R^c$; (11) $-NR^bR^c$; (12) $-NR^aSO_2R^c$; (13) $-SO_2-NR^bR^c$; (14) $-C(O)\,NR^bR^c$ and (15) $-OC(O)-NR^bR^c$;

and when R^4 represents Hetcy containing a nitrogen atom, said nitrogen atom can be optionally substituted with a member selected from the group consisting of: $-C(O)\,NR^bR^c$; (b) $-CO_2R^c$; (c) $-C(O)R^c$; and (d) $-SO_2R^c$;

R^8 represents H or C_{1-6} alkyl;

R^9 represents H or halo;

R^5 represents H or C_{1-6} alkyl;

R^6 is selected from the group consisting of H, OH, F or C_{1-3}alkyl;

R^7 is H or F, or R^6 and R^7 are taken in combination and represent oxo;

R^a is H or C_{1-10}alkyl, optionally substituted with phenyl, OH, OC_{1-6}alkyl, CO_2H, CO_2C_{1-6}alkyl and 1-3 halo groups;

R^b is H or C_{1-10}alkyl;

R^c is H or is independently selected from: (a) C_{1-10}alkyl, optionally substituted with OH, OC_{1-6}alkyl, CO_2H, CO_2C_{1-6}alkyl, and 1-3 halo groups; (b) Aryl or Ar-C_{1-6}alkyl, each optionally substituted with 1-5 halos and 1-3 members selected from the group consisting of: CN, OH, C_{1-10}alkyl and OC_{1-10} alkyl, said alkyl and alkoxy being further optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups up to perhalo; (c) Hetcy or Hetcy-C_{1-6}alkyl, optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups and 1-3 groups selected from: oxo, C_{1-10}alkyl and OC_{1-10} alkyl, said alkyl and alkoxy being further optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups up to perhalo; and (d) HAR or HAR-C_{1-6}alkyl, optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups and 1-3 groups selected from: C_{1-10}alkyl and OC_{1-10} alkyl, said alkyl and alkoxy being further optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups up to perhalo;

R^d is C_{1-10}alkyl, Aryl or Ar-C_{1-10}alkyl;

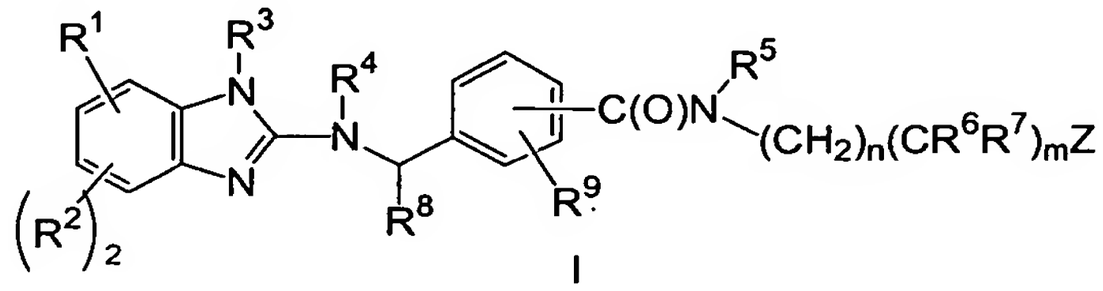
m is an integer selected from 0, 1 and 2;

n is an integer selected from 0 to 6;

p is an integer selected from 0, 1 and 2, and

when at least one of m and n is other than 0, Z is selected from CO_2R^a, 5-tetrazolyl and 5-(2-oxo-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl), and when both m and n are 0, Z is selected from 5-tetrazolyl and 5-(2-oxo-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl).

7. (original) A compound represented by formula I:



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof, wherein:

R^1 represents H;

one R^2 represents H, halo or C_{1-6}alkyl, and the other is selected from the group consisting of: H, halo, OH, C_{1-6}alkyl optionally substituted with 1-3 halo groups, C_{1-6}alkoxy optionally substituted with 1-3 halo groups or 1 phenyl or heterocyclic ring, C_{2-4}alkenyl or OC_{2-4}alkenyl;

R^3 is selected from the group consisting of: H, C_{2-4}alkenyl and C_{1-6}alkyl optionally substituted as follows: a) up to 3 halo groups; b) NR^cR^d wherein R^c and R^d are H or C_{1-4} alkyl; c) OH; and d) Aryl optionally substituted with 1-3 halo groups, C_{1-3} alkyl, OC_{1-3}alkyl, CN, NO_2, haloC_{1-3}alkyl or O-haloC_{1-3}alkyl;

R^4 is independently selected from the group consisting of:

a) C_{1-14}alkyl, optionally substituted with: (1) 1-5 halo groups up to perhaloalkyl; (2) 1-2 C_{1-10}alkoxy groups, each optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups up to perhaloalkoxy; (3) 1-2 Aryl groups, each optionally substituted as follows: (i) 1-5 halo groups, (ii) CN or NO_2, and (iii) 1-2 C_{1-10}alkyl or alkoxy groups, each optionally substituted with: 1-5 halo, up to perhaloalkyl; and

b) Aryl, HAR or Hetcy, each optionally substituted as follows: (1) 1-2 C_{1-10}alkyl or C_{2-10}alkenyl, optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups, phenyl or CO_2R^a groups; (2) 1-2 C_{1-10}alkoxy groups, the alkyl portion of which is optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups; (3) 1-2 Aryl, HAR or Hetcy, OAryl, OHAR or OHetcy groups, each optionally substituted as follows: (a) 1-3 halo groups; (b) 1-2 C_{1-10}alkyl or C_{2-10}alkenyl, each optionally substituted with 1-3 halo groups;

(c) 1-2 C_{1-10}alkoxy groups the alkyl portion of which being optionally substituted with 1-3 halo groups, and

(d) 1-2 CO_2R^a, $S(O)_pR^d$, CN, NR^bR^c, NO_2 or OH groups;

said Aryl, HAR or Hetcy group b) being further optionally substituted on carbon by a group selected from the group consisting of: (4) 1-5 halo groups; (5) 1-2 OH groups; (6) 1 $S(O)_pR^d$, NO_2 or CN group; (7) 1-2 CO_2R^a; (8) $-NR^a-C(O)-NR^bR^c$; (9) $-NR^a-CO_2R^c$; (10) $-NR^a-C(O)R^c$; (11) $-NR^bR^c$; (12) $-NR^aSO_2R^c$; (13) $-SO_2-NR^bR^c$; (14) $-C(O)\,NR^bR^c$ and (15) $-OC(O)-NR^bR^c$;

and when R^4 represents Hetcy containing a nitrogen atom, said nitrogen atom can be optionally substituted with a member selected from the group consisting of: (a) $-C(O)\,NR^bR^c$; (b) $-CO_2R^c$; (c) $-C(O)R^c$; and (d) $-SO_2R^c$;

R^8 and R^9 are taken in combination and represent $-(CH_2)_{2-4}-$;

R^5 represents H or C_{1-6} alkyl;

R^6 is selected from the group consisting of H, OH, F or C_{1-3}alkyl;

R^7 is H or F, or R^6 and R^7 are taken in combination and represent oxo;

R^a is H or C_{1-10}alkyl, optionally substituted with phenyl, OH, OC_{1-6}alkyl, CO_2H, CO_2C_{1-6}alkyl and 1-3 halo groups;

R^b is H or C_{1-10}alkyl;

R^c is H or is independently selected from: (a) C_{1-10}alkyl, optionally substituted with OH, OC_{1-6}alkyl, CO_2H, CO_2C_{1-6}alkyl, and 1-3 halo groups; (b) Aryl or Ar-C_{1-6}alkyl, each optionally substituted with 1-5 halos and 1-3 members selected from the group consisting of: CN, OH, C_{1-10}alkyl and OC_{1-10} alkyl, said alkyl and alkoxy being further optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups up to perhalo; (c) Hetcy or Hetcy-C_{1-6}alkyl, optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups and 1-3 groups selected from: oxo, C_{1-10}alkyl and OC_{1-10} alkyl, said alkyl and alkoxy being further optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups up to perhalo; and (d) HAR or HAR-C_{1-6}alkyl, optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups and 1-3 groups selected from: C_{1-10}alkyl and OC_{1-10} alkyl, said alkyl and alkoxy being further optionally substituted with 1-5 halo groups up to perhalo;

R^d is C_{1-10}alkyl, Aryl or Ar-C_{1-10}alkyl;

m is an integer selected from 0, 1 and 2;

n is an integer selected from 0 to 6;

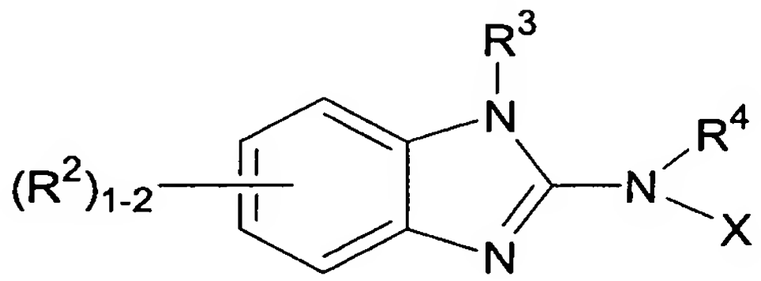
p is an integer selected from 0, 1 and 2, and

when at least one of m and n is other than 0, Z is selected from CO_2R^a, 5-tetrazolyl and 5-(2-oxo-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl), and when both m and n are 0, Z is selected from 5-tetrazolyl and 5-(2-oxo-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl).

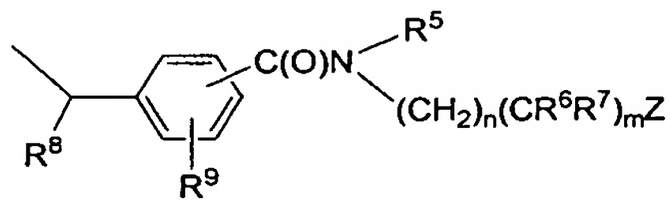
8. (currently amended) A compound in accordance with claim 1 falling within table A below:

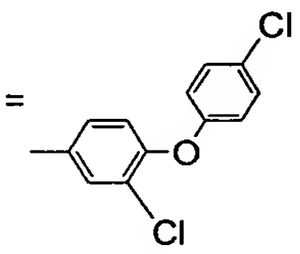
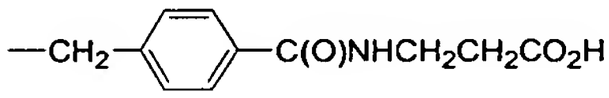
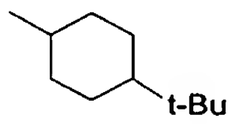
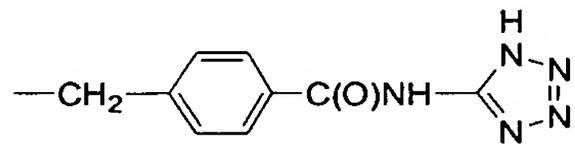
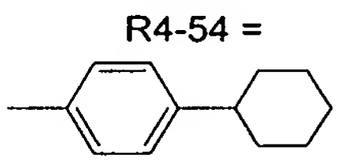
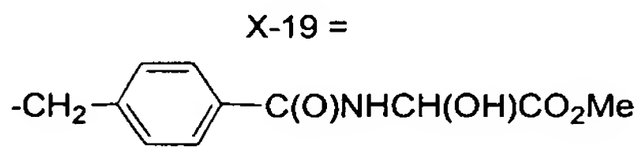
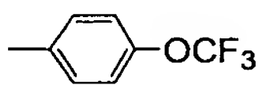
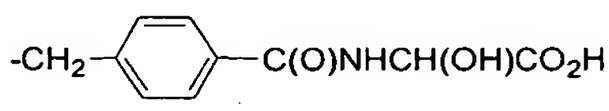
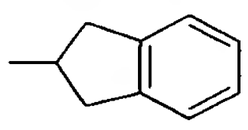
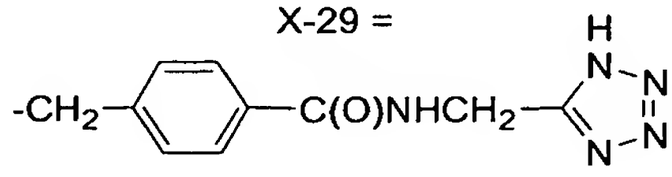
TABLE A

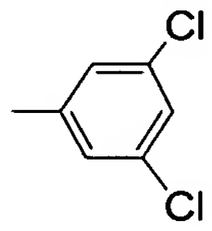
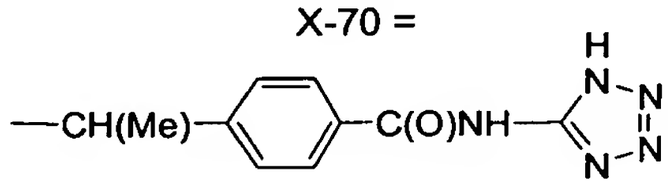
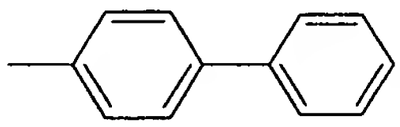
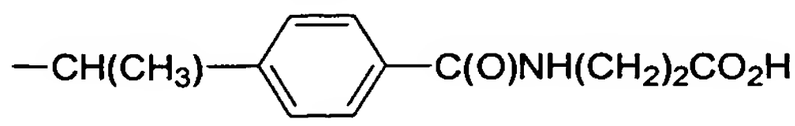
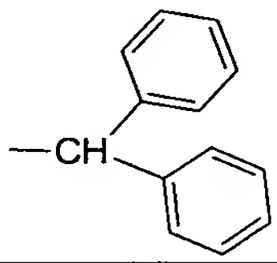
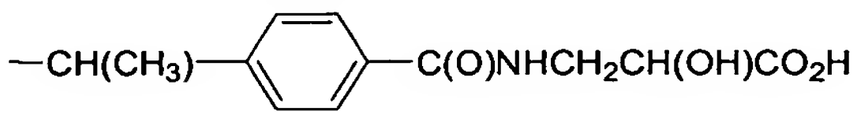
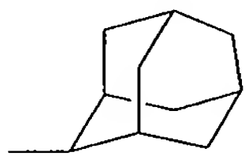
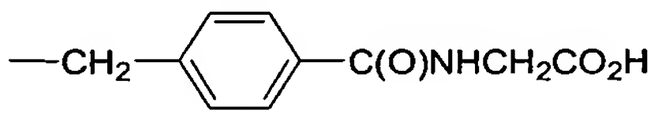
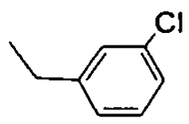
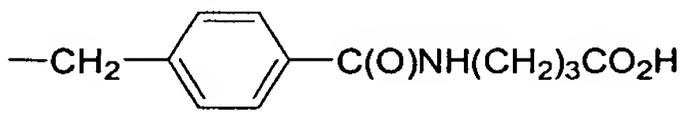
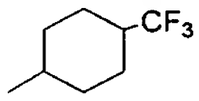
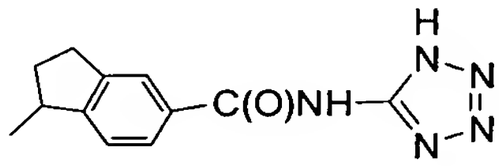
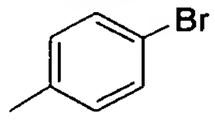
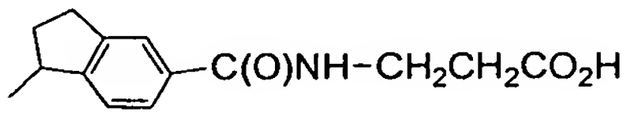
Key to Compounds

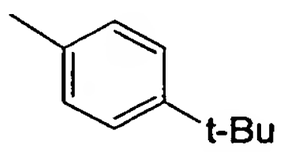
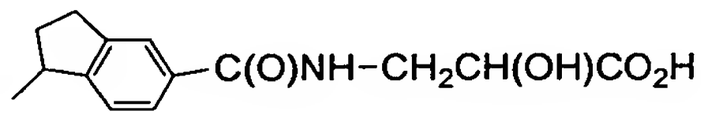
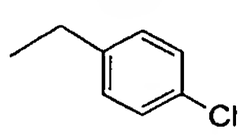
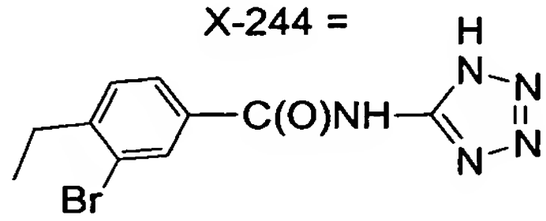
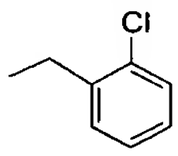
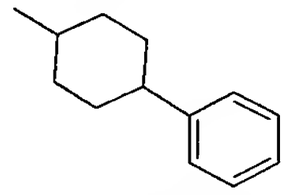
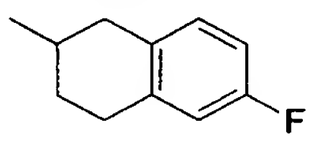
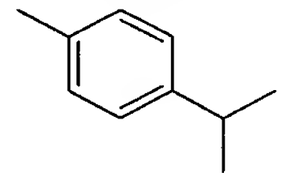
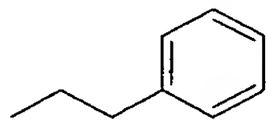
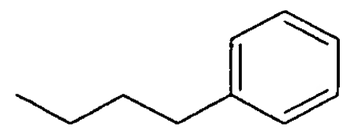
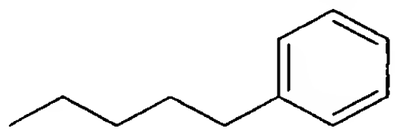
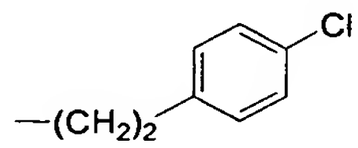
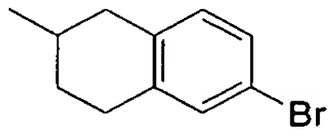
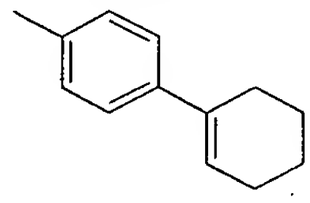


wherein R^2, R^3 and R^4 are in accordance with formula I and X is as shown below.

X = 

R4-1 = 	X-1 = 
R4-2 = 	X-3 = 
R4-54 = 	X-19 = 
R4-95 = 	X-21 = 
R4-113 = 	X-29 = 

R4-122 = 	X-70 = 
R4-238 = 	X-85 = 
R4-245 = 	X-86 = 
R4-256 = 	X-226 = 
R4-258 = 	X-227 = 
R4-260 = 	X-237 = 
R4-261 = 	X-238 = 

R4-262 = 	X-239 = 
R4-265 = 	X-244 = 
R4-266 = 	R4-267 = 
R4-269 = 	R4-273 = 
R4-275 = 	R4-276 = 
R4-277 = 	R4-278 = 
R4-282 = 	R4-284 = 

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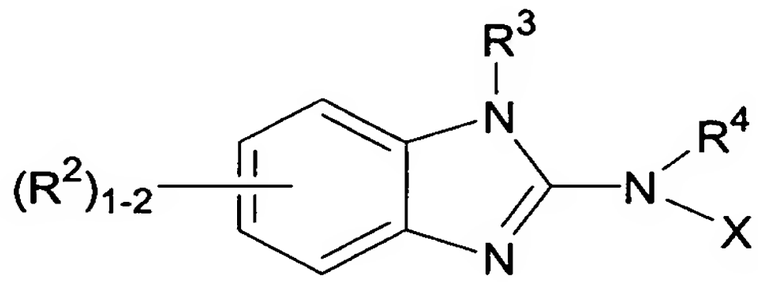

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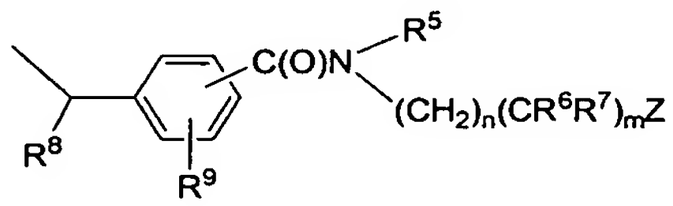
X = 

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3	5-Me	H	R4-1	X-3
4	5-Me	H	R4-2	X-3
5	5-OCF_3	H	R4-1	X-1
6	5-OCF_3	H	R4-2	X-3
7	5-OCF_3	H	R4-2	X-1
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9	5-Cl	H	R4-2	X-3
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22	6-Me	Me	R4-2	X-21
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24	H	Et	R4-2	X-3
25	H	Et	R4-2	X-1
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27	H	n-Pr	R4-2	X-3
28	H	n-Pr	R4-2	X-1
29	H	n-Pr	R4-2	X-29
30	H	n-Pr	R4-2	X-21
31	5-Me	H	R4-2	X-29
32	H	cPentyl	R4-2	X-3

33	H	cPentyl	R4-2	X-1
34	H	cPentyl	R4-2	X-21
35	H	Et	R4-2	X-29
36	H	Benzyl	R4-2	X-3
37	H	Benzyl	R4-2	X-29
38	H	Benzyl	R4-2	X-1
39	H	Benzyl	R4-2	X-21
40	H	$-CH_2CH(Me)_2$	R4-2	X-3
41	H	$-CH_2CH(Me)_2$	R4-2	X-29
42	H	$-CH_2CH(Me)_2$	R4-2	X-1
43	H	$-CH_2CH(Me)_2$	R4-2	X-21
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46	H	Me	R4-2	X-29
47	H	CH_2CH_2F	R4-2	X-3
48	H	CH_2CH_2F	R4-2	X-1
49	H	CH_2CH_2F	R4-2	X-21
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51	H	$CH_2CH=CH_2$	R4-2	X-3
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53	H	$CH_2CH=CH_2$	R4-2	X-21
54	H	H	R4-54	X-3
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66	5,6-di-Me	H	R4-2	X-29
67	5,6-di-Me	H	R4-2	X-1
68	5,6-di-Me	H	R4-2	X-21
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70	H	CH_2CH_2OH	R4-2	X-3
71	H	CH_2CH_2OH	R4-2	X-1
72	H	CH_2CH_2OH	R4-2	X-21
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74	5,6-di-Me	Me	R4-2	X-29
75	5,6-di-Me	Me	R4-2	X-1
76	5,6-di-Me	Me	R4-2	X-21
77	5,6-di-Cl	Me	R4-2	X-3
78	5,6-di-Cl	Me	R4-2	X-1
79	5,6-di-Cl	Me	R4-2	X-21
80	5,6-di-F	H	R4-2	x-3

81	5,6-di-F	H	R4-2	x-1
82	5,6-di-F	H	R4-2	x-29
83	5,6-di-F	H	R4-2	x-21
84	H	Me	R4-2	x-85
85	H	Me	R4-2	X-86
86	5,6-di-F	Me	R4-2	X-3
87	5,6-di-F	Me	R4-2	X-1
88	5,6-di-F	Me	R4-2	X-21
89	H	$(CH_2)_3OH$	R4-2	X-3
90	H	$(CH_2)_3OH$	R4-2	X-21
91	H	Me	R4-95	X-3
92	H	Me	R4-95	X-21
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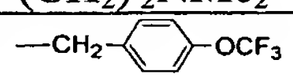
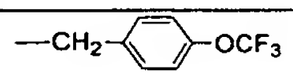
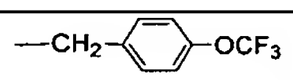
94	H		R4-2	X-3
95	H		R4-2	X-21
96	H		R4-2	X-1
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101	6-allyloxy	Et	R4-2	X-3
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103	6-allyloxy	Et	R4-2	X-21
104	6-allyloxy	Et	R4-2	X-29
105	5,6-di-F	Et	R4-2	X-3
106	H	Me	R4-113	X-3
107	5,6-di-F	Et	R4-2	X-21
108	6-OH	Et	R4-2	X-3
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110	5,6-di-F	Et	R4-2	X-1
111	6-OH	Et	R4-2	X-21
112	6-OH	Et	R4-2	X-29
113	5-OMe	Me	R4-2	X-3
114	5-OMe	Me	R4-2	X-21
115	5-OMe	Me	R4-2	X-1
116	H	H	R4-122	X-3
117	H	H	R4-122	X-1
118	H	H	R4-122	X-21
119	H	H	R4-122	X-29
120	5-OH	Me	R4-2	X-3
121	5-OH	Me	R4-2	X-1
122	5-OH	Me	R4-2	X-21
123	5-allyloxy	Me	R4-2	X-3
124	5-allyloxy	Me	R4-2	X-1
125	5-benzyloxy	Me	R4-2	X-3

126	5-benzyloxy	Me	R4-2	X-1
127	6-allyloxy	Me	R4-2	X-3
128	6-allyloxy	Me	R4-2	X-1
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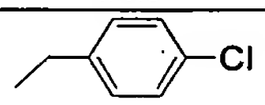
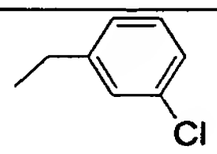
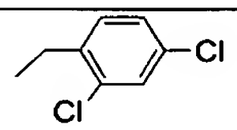
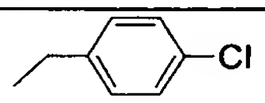
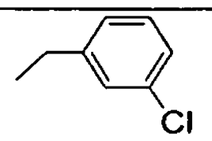
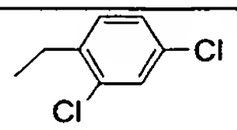
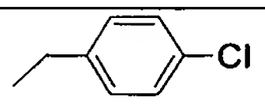
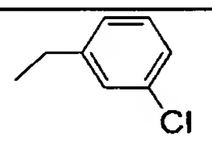
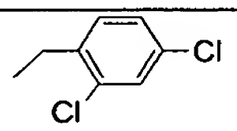
131	H		R4-2	X-3
132	H		R4-2	X-3
133	H		R4-2	X-3
134	H		R4-2	X-21
135	H		R4-2	X-21
136	H		R4-2	X-21
137	H		R4-2	X-1
138	H		R4-2	X-1
139	H		R4-2	X-1
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143	6-OH	Me	R4-2	X-29
144	5-n-propyloxy	Me	R4-2	X-3
145	5-n-propyloxy	Me	R4-2	X-29
146	5-n-propyloxy	Me	R4-2	X-1
147	5-n-propyloxy	Me	R4-2	X-21
148	5-isopropyl oxy	Me	R4-2	X-3
149	5-isopropyl oxy	Me	R4-2	X-29
150	5-isopropyl oxy	Me	R4-2	X-1
151	5-isopropyl oxy	Me	R4-2	X-21
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154	6-n-propyloxy	Me	R4-2	X-21

155	5-OMe	Me	R4-2	X-29
156	5-cyclo-pentyloxy	Me	R4-2	X-3
157	5-cyclo-pentyloxy	Me	R4-2	X-29
158	5-$OCH_2CH(Me)_2$	Me	R4-2	X-3
159	5-$OCH_2CH(Me)_2$	Me	R4-2	X-29
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161	6-isopropyloxy	Me	R4-2	X-3
162	6-OMe	Me	R4-2	X-3
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164	6-isopropyloxy	Me	R4-2	X-1
165	6-OMe	Me	R4-2	X-1
166	6-benzyloxy	Me	R4-2	X-21
167	6-isopropyloxy	Me	R4-2	X-21
168	6-OMe	Me	R4-2	X-21
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170	5-cyclopentyloxy	Me	R4-2	X-1
171	5-cyclopentyloxy	Me	R4-2	X-21
172	5-isobutyloxy	Me	R4-2	X-1
173	5-isobutyloxy	Me	R4-2	X-21
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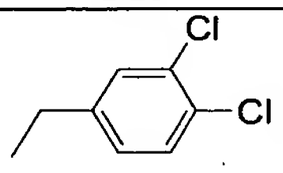
176	H		R4-2	X-3
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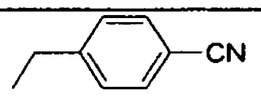
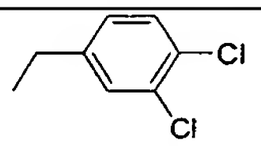
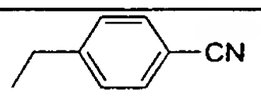
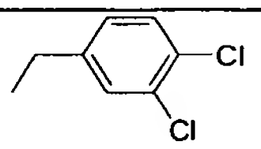
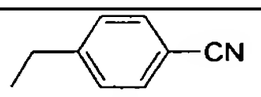
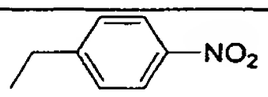
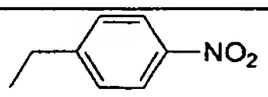
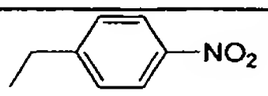
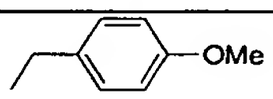
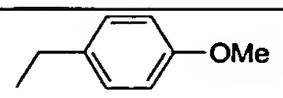
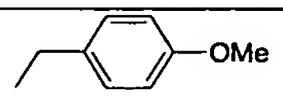
178	H		R4-2	X-3
179	H		R4-2	X-21
180	H		R4-2	X-21
181	H		R4-2	X-1
182	H		R4-2	X-1
183	H		R4-2	X-3
184	H		R4-2	X-21
185	H		R4-2	X-1
186	H		R4-2	X-3

187	H		R4-2	X-21
188	H		R4-2	X-1
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195	5-OMe	Me	R4-54	X-3
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200	6-OH	Me	R4-95	X-3
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203	5-cyclopropyl methoxy	Me	R4-2	X-3
204	5-cyclopropyl methoxy	Me	R4-2	X-1
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212	5-cyclobutyl methoxy	Me	R4-2	X-1
213	5-cyclopentyl methoxy	Me	R4-2	X-3
214	5-cyclopentyl methoxy	Me	R4-2	X-1
215	6-n-propyloxy	Me	R4-95	X-3
216	5-CF_3	Me	R4-2	X-3
217	6-benzyloxy	Me	R4-95	X-3
218	5-CF_3	Me	R4-2	X-1
219	5-n-propyloxy	Me	R4-54	X-3
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221	6-benzyloxy	Me	R4-95	X-1
222	6-OEt	Me	R4-2	X-3

223	6-cyclopropyl methoxy	Me	R4-2	X-3
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225	6-OEt	Me	R4-2	X-1
226	6-cyclopropyl methoxy	Me	R4-2	X-1
227	6-$OCH_2CH(Me)_2$	Me	R4-2	X-1
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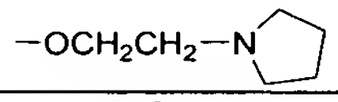
247	6- 	Me	R4-2	X-3
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278	5-OMe	Me	R4-95	X-1
281	5-n-propyloxy	Me	R4-95	X-3
282	5-cyclopentyloxy	Me	R4-95	X-3

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof.

9. (original) A pharmaceutical composition which is comprised of a compound in accordance with claim 1 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

10. (original) A method of treating type 2 diabetes mellitus in a mammalian patient in need of such treatment, comprising administering to said patient a compound in accordance with claim 1 in an amount that is effective to treat type 2 diabetes mellitus.